

REMARKS

Claims 1-76 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Claims 1-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication #2004/125937 (“Turcan”). No amendments have been made hereby. Reconsideration of the application in light of the below remarks is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview on March 11, 2008 to address the outstanding rejections under the first and second paragraphs of § 112. The Examiner requested that Applicants include a summary of the present invention as discussed during the interview.

The Examiner is directed to Fig. 11, which shows an embodiment of the present invention. PC 2 is used to make phone calls over the internet through a PBX 1. The PBX 1 establishes a call path originating from the first user (located at terminal 41 or at keyboard 24 connected to the PC 2) to the second user (at terminal 42). Terminals 41, 42 can be used as handsets. The terminals 41, 42 can be radio mobile terminals that are not as limited in range as conventional handsets. The present invention therefore eliminates the need for a conventional handset 75 that is physically connected to the PC 7, as shown in the prior art arrangement in Fig. 1.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated he was not sure who is calling who in the present invention. As an example, a user at a first terminal 41 can make a call to a user at a second terminal 42. *See* Specification at p. 35, ll. 16-20. When making a call to the second terminal 42, a user at the first terminal 41 dials the number of the second terminal 42 using the keyboard connected with PC2. Alternatively, a user at the first terminal 41 can place a call to the second terminal 42 by activating an application such as a telephone book on stored on PC 2. The actual talking can be conducted using the first terminal 41.

The Examiner next asks whether both terminals 41 and 42 belong to the user of PC 2, such that if a call comes into PC 2, it will be forwarded to either of terminals 41 or 42. In the embodiments disclosed in Fig. 11, PC 2 is associated with a first user situated at terminal 41,

whereas PC 5 is associated with a second user situated terminal 42. If a call comes into PC 5, it will be forwarded to both PC 5 and terminal 42. The user situated at the second terminal 42 can answer the call through either of them. This operation is described in the Specification starting on page 35, line 9 to page 37, line 25.

In light of the Examiner interview and remarks above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-76 under the first and second paragraphs of §112 be withdrawn.

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 1-76 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Turcan. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Turcan has a filing date of December 31, 2002. However, Applicant invented the claimed invention before that date. As evidence of this fact, submitted herewith is a Declaration of Shigeo Fujii under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, and supporting Exhibits A-F.

Applicant conceived the invention covered by the claimed invention prior to December 31, 2002 (the filing date of Turcan), as evidenced by Exhibit B (attached to the Declaration), and English translation thereof¹, which is an invention disclosure of the claimed invention that identifies Applicant Shiego Fujii as the inventor. The invention disclosure includes a description and drawings of the claimed invention. Please note that it is clearly shown on the first page that the invention disclosure covering the claimed invention was prepared on November 26, 2002. The second page clearly describes that as of November 26, 2002, the date of the invention disclosure, the claimed invention was in trial production or pre-production phase. The Examiner is invited to review the invention disclosure to determine that it supports the claimed invention. Thus, Exhibit B shows that the claimed invention was conceived before December 31, 2002.

Exhibit C is a verified translation of the priority application from which the present application claims benefit under Section 119. The preparation of the present application covering the claimed invention was diligently pursued from prior to December 31, 2002 to the date of filing

¹ Please note that each of the translations submitted with the Rule 1.131 Declaration is a verified translation

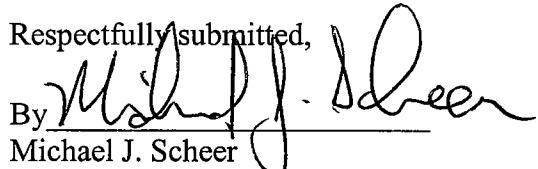
in Japan, January 27, 2003. For example, Exhibit D, and English translation thereof, show that a search report was prepared in conjunction with the Japanese priority application on December 3, 2002. The first page shows the results of the search and the remaining pages show the history of the search, which was initially conducted on November 28, 2002. Also, a Japanese law firm was instructed to prepare a patent application based on the information disclosure on January 7, 2003, as evidenced by Exhibit E, and English translation thereof. The drafted patent application was approved on January 24, 2003, as evidenced by Exhibit F, and English translation thereof. These documents show that the application covering the claimed invention was diligently pursued from conception to the Japanese priority date and that the present application was filed within one year of the Japanese priority application, in accordance with the Paris Convention requirements

In view of the above-mentioned evidence of Applicant's conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention, the rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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